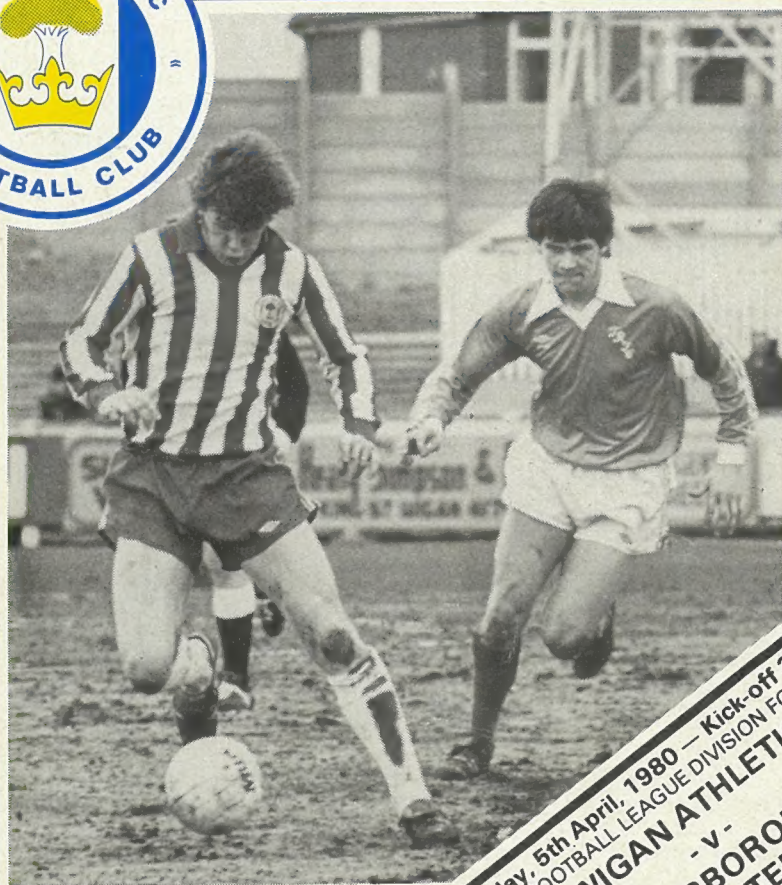


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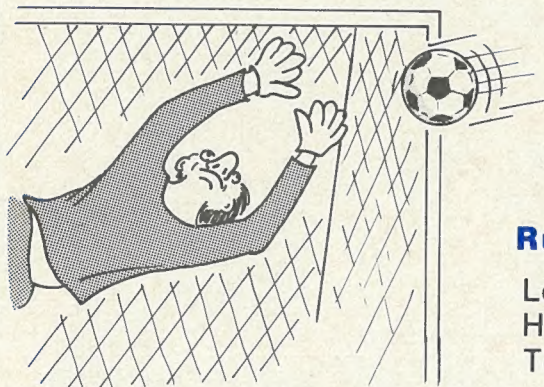
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Our front page picture this week shows, on-loan striker David Shearer in action against Tranmere Rovers.

Personally Speaking

by Ian McNeill



Good Afternoon All.

I WOULD like to give a warm welcome to Peter Morris and his Peterborough side who have forced themselves into the promotion battle with a fine late run. With last week's results of Bradford losing at home to York and Portsmouth losing at Lincoln, today's game takes on a new

significance. It becomes very much a four-pointer and I am sure Peterborough like ourselves feel they are still in with a chance of Division Three.

Easter Week-End

Once again this week-end has a tremendous bearing on the outcome of promotion and relegation and it is amazing to think that in a season of approximately nine months, we should have to cram three matches into a period of four days. I am sure two games would be sufficient during this period. Indeed, a side could quite possibly have two or three injuries in the first of the three matches, and that would most certainly jeopardise their chances because there is certainly no recovery time for injuries. One other point is that it becomes very expensive to watch three matches in four days. So in the long run clubs may lose out because of it.

Enjoy today's match.

Ian McNeill

Ian McNeill

WELCOME TO



PETERBOROUGH UNITED 1979/80 — (left to right) **Back Row:** Joe Cooke, Dave McVay, Andy Parkinson, Paul Overton, Keith Waugh, Alan Slough, Trevor Slack (Apprentice) Steven Collins. **Middle Row:** Graham Scarff (Youth Development Officer), Tim Gale (Apprentice), Trevor Anderson, Alan Guy, Phil Chard, John Winters, Jack Carmichael, Colin Foster, Jim Barron (Coach). **Front Row:** Tony Cliss, Pat Sharkey, Tony Smith, Mick Lambert, Peter Morris (Manager), Trevor Quow, Ian Phillips, Bob Doyle (Transferred to Blackpool), Tommy Robson, Mick Gynn & Philip Enderby.



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PETERBOROUGH UNITED

TODAY we are privileged to welcome one of the "elite" members of the Fourth Division of the Football League to Springfield Park, Wigan — the Peterborough United Football Club.

One has only to visit the extremely well-appointed London Road Ground to appreciate just how far Peterborough United have progressed off the field of play over the past twenty-five years and just how far our own enthusiastic club has yet to go before it can boast facilities to match those of today's visitors. Not for nothing are the men of Peterborough United named "The Posh".

Since being elected to the Football League in 1960 Peterborough have gained two Fourth Division Championships, plus cup runs as far as the sixth round of the F.A. Cup in 1965 and the Semi-Finals of the Football League Cup in 1966. Relegation from the Third Division in 1968, and again in 1979, must surely be looked upon as a minor set-backs when viewed against the overall picture of twenty very praiseworthy years as members of the Football League. The goalscoring exploits of Terry Bly and Jim Hall are still talked about with pride by the club's supporters, and the record attendance of 30,096 for a Fifth Round F.A. Cup game with Swansea at London Road on 20th February, 1965 is well worth a mention. Jimmy Hagan, Jack Fairbrother, Noel Cantwell and John Barnwell, among others, have filled the managerial position with distinction. Without doubt the club has an excellent pedigree and the club's motto "Upon this rock" emphasises not only Peterborough United's durability and staying power, but also the importance of building any aspiring club's

foundations on good "ground".

Whereas Wigan Athletic had a poor start this season, Peterborough United had a disappointing mid-season spell, but, by virtue of an unbeaten run which stretches back to January, "The Posh" have forced themselves right back into the battle for promotion to the Third Division. With nine wins and two draws in their last eleven games, manager Peter Morris and his hard-working players have served notice on the front-runners that this year's top-four placings are "up for grabs". Indeed, last Saturday, Peterborough United became the first visitors to Fellows Park, Walsall, to take away two precious league points, and can be expected to go all out to continue their winning run and their drive up the league table, today at Springfield Park. Whether or not Peterborough United eventually clinch promotion this season remains to be seen, but, if not, it can surely be just a temporary set-back as this illustrious club seeks the elevation in status to which it is due.

Welcome then to today's visitors from Peterborough. We remember that, when you last came to Springfield Park, a large crowd witnessed a titanic F.A. Cup struggle, before we triumphed in the closing minutes of the game. In this year's league fixture at London Road on Boxing Day we again gained victory by two goals to one and we can appreciate how sweet a revenge it will be if your side takes the honours today. We look forward again to a very competitive match, and trust that, after today's game, whether director, manager, player or supporter, your journey home tonight will be pleasant and incident-free.

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WE ARE pleased to announce that our match day programme has recently received the following awards from the British Programme Collectors' Club — acknowledgement as this season's best programme in the Fourth Division of the Football League and runner-up to Bristol City as the most improved programme in the whole of the Football League. From the Association of Football League Commercial Managers, the recommendation as the second-best programme in the Fourth Division of the Football League.

Naturally we at the club are delighted at this expression of outside confidence in our efforts to produce a programme worthy of our standing as a prominent member of the Fourth Division of the Football League, and I would personally like to acknowledge the help I have received from others in producing the programme.

Firstly I would like to thank our printers — Publicity Print Services of Warrington Road, Ashton-in-Makerfield — for their tolerance and understanding when pressures have built up near to dead-lines and also for their skill and expertise in producing a consistently high-level of craftsmanship issue after issue. Secondly, a special word of thanks to our two

"office faithfuls", Merle Ward and Helen Turner, who have chased copy and typed copy often under extreme pressure, and have quietly cajoled or encouraged me through the season when the spirit has occasionally flagged. To all our contributors, whether from inside or outside the club may I state that, without your efforts, the programme would have lacked guts and life. Thanks also are due to our advertisers and loyal band of match-day programme sellers. Finally, to those of you who have been kind enough to support our efforts by buying the programme, many, many thanks. Your kind words and support have made the hard work worthwhile, and we hope you will agree that, in season 1979-1980, the Wigan Athletic Football Club has had a programme of which we can all be justifiably proud.

I am pleased to draw attention to the sponsoring of today's game by Bridge and Sons (Wigan) Limited of Seven Stars Forge, Wallgate, Wigan (Telephone numbers 43732/42248), the town's longest established (1892) company of structural steelwork specialists. They have been responsible for the steel framework of many of Wigan's well-known public buildings and factories as well as

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Enjoy today's game.

Jack Sudworth.

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Lancashire League Scene

by Fred Eyre

THE EASTER period is a time when a lot of promotion and relegation issues are settled. Many is the time you hear people say "we lost it over Easter", when in actual fact odd silly points dropped earlier in the season are the real reason, but all usually becomes clear after the Easter games.

We ourselves are no exception and are nicely placed in second position with ten games still to play. We are one point behind Liverpool, who have played the same number of games as us, so naturally we watch their results with interest. However, the main thing is to keep winning our own games, irrespective of what other teams do, and it is with this in mind we have kept our training as varied as possible, to keep our players well

tuned for our run in to what so far has been a very pleasing season.

Equally pleasing is the progress of our Youth Team. Under the guidance of David Crompton, they have produced a number of talented players and, at the same time, won a high proportion of their games, and last week's 3 - 0 victory at Preston takes them into the Semi-Final of the Supplementary Cup. Two goals by our newest apprentice professional, Paul Hendry, a big striker from Scotland and another by Mike Quinn clinched this convincing win. With George McAllister and Steve Silcock both gaining County honours in the last week, it is apparent that other people are taking notice of the quality of our young players.

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Player Profile



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JOHN WILKIE (Forward)

JOHN WILKIE was born in Dundee, Scotland, and received his early education at schools in the area. At St. Michael's R.C. Secondary School, John developed a keen interest in Association Football, playing regularly at all age levels.

On leaving school, John became an apprentice electrician and signed for Douglas Amateurs, with whom he played as a left winger and eventually gained selection on three occasions for the Scottish Amateur XI. At the age of seventeen the talented young player signed for Arbroath — the "Red Lichties". John was to stay four seasons at Gayfield Park; three seasons in the Scottish League Second Division and one season at First Division levels. Indeed, one of the highspots of John Wilkie's career was the year in which Arbroath were promoted to the First Division of the Scottish League (the equivalent in status of today's Premier Division).

Following his happy stay with Arbroath, John was transferred to Morton, from which club he eventually joined Ross County and Ian McNeill. After two seasons of regular goalscoring in the Highland League, John Wilkie tried his hand at English League Football with Halifax Town in the Third Division. The "exile" scored eight goals in thirty-seven games with the West Riding Club, but, after two years, rejoined Ross County, and, subsequently, Elgin City. Once

again, Wilkie's prowess as a consistent goalscorer was emphasised, and, when Ian McNeill moved south of the border to manage Wigan Athletic, John made the trip to Lancashire to try his hand at Northern Premier League Soccer. For two seasons, prior to Wigan's entry into the Football League, John was Wigan Athletic's leading goalscorer and played a prominent part in the Lancashire club's F.A. Cup games against York City, Sheffield Wednesday and Birmingham City in Season 1977-1978. Unfortunately, John Wilkie's first team appearances over the past two seasons have been limited, and a minor niggling foot injury has kept him side-lined for a lengthy period during the current campaign. Now back in harness, the quick-moving striker is again hitting the ball into the net at Lancashire League level and John Wilkie is being carefully watched by several prominent non-league clubs.

A married man, John enjoys trying his hand at do-it-yourself jobs around the home and is also building up a collection of antique books. As a part-time interest, Wilkie is working with a Chartered Accountant in Ashton-in-Makerfield, thus preparing the way for a new career outside football when the time comes for him to leave Wigan Athletic. His early training in accountancy, while with Elgin City, standing him in good stead for the future, and proving yet again the native shrewdness of the Scot! John Wilkie has our sincere thanks for his past efforts and our best wishes for his future both inside and outside the football game.

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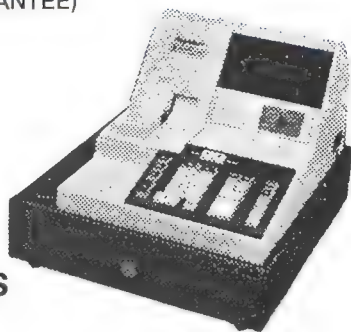
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Down Memory Lane

by Harold Ashurst

THIS TIME last year, Wigan Athletic players were right in the middle of the promotion race and their first match of the Easter programme, a home encounter against Port Vale, was expected to provide two easy points. Provide the points they did, but no one going through the Springfield Park turnstiles before the kick-off could have imagined the drama and excitement that the next ninety minutes were to bring.

A crowd of over 8,000 watched the game, but things started to go wrong early on, when former Everton and Walsall player Bernie Wright gave the visitors the lead. A minor set-back we all thought; Latics would come back. Wigan's players, however, were not playing as well as they usually did. Tension littered their moves, and, when Kenny Todd scored two more goals to put Port Vale three goals up; it looked like curtains for Latics, promotion and all.

Ian McNeill then played his master stroke. He substituted skipper Noel Ward and sent on striker Derek Brownbill, in an attempt to rescue what was surely a lost cause, because there was only half an hour to go and the Latics were three goals down. Surprisingly enough, gaps began to appear

in the Port Vale defence, and when Peter Houghton pulled a goal back muted cheers greeted what looked like a consolation goal. One minute later and the cheers increased as the crowd sensed something unbelievable was about to happen, as Peter Houghton scored his second goal.

Sure enough Peter Houghton completed his hat-trick, the first by a Wigan player since they were admitted to the League, and all the groans and disappointments of the first hour of the game were forgotten as the crowd urged Latics on.

Springfield Park erupted when substitute Derek Brownbill hooked in Latics' fourth goal and the match was all over when Mick Moore scored a fifth to crown what surely must rank as one of the greatest games ever seen at Springfield Park.

The teams for the game of the season were:- Wigan; Brown, Smart, Hinnigan, Gore, Ward, Fretwell, Corrigan, Wright, Houghton, Moore, Purdie. Sub. Brownbill.

Port Vale; Dance, Keenan, Griffiths, Beech, Delgado, Hawkins, N. Chamberlain, Farrell, Wright, Todd, Healey. Sub. M. Chamberlain. Referee: K. Butcher (Kendal). Att. 8,452.

LATICS AWAY

At Port Vale on Easter Monday, 5th April, 1980. Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

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Facts and Figures

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Wigan scores first.

† Player scoring in bold.
‡ Player substituted.

* Figure indicates no. of goals scored by player.
* In result column indicates opponents own goal.

DATE	FIXTURE	F	A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug 11	Stockport FLC1	1	2	6,004	R Ward	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton†	Brownbill	Purdie	Urquhart
Aug 15	STOCKPORT FLC1	0	0	7,591	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore	Purdie*	Davids
Aug 18	Darlington	2	2	2,063	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore†	Purdie	Brownbill
Aug 22	Huddersfield	1-2	6,927	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore†	Davids	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton†	Moore†	Purdie	Purdie	N Ward
Aug 25	Stockport County	2-1	3,837	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore†	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore†	Purdie	Purdie	Urquhart
Sep 1	PORTSMOUTH	1-2	8,198	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	N Ward	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore†	Purdie	Purdie	Urquhart
Sep 8	Bournemouth	2	1	4,390	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	Hart	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore	Purdie	Brownbill†
Sep 15	YORK CITY	2-5	5,990	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	Davids	Fretwell	Corrigan†	Wright†	Brownbill	Moore	Purdie	Purdie	Urquhart†
Sep 19	HARTLEPOOL	2	1	4,877	Shyne	Smart	Hinnigan	Gore	Davids	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright†	Brownbill	Moore	Houghton†	Urquhart
Sep 22	Hereford United	1	2	3,891	Shyne	Gore†	Hinnigan†	Urquhart	Davids	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Brownbill	Moore†	Houghton†	Crompton
Sep 29	BRADFORD CITY	4	1	8,909	Shyne	Gore†	Hinnigan	Urquhart	Davids	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Brownbill	Moore	Houghton	Crompton†
Oct 6	TORQUAY UNITED	0	3	6,541	Shyne	Gore	Hinnigan	Urquhart	Davids	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright†	Brownbill	Moore	Houghton	Methven
Oct 9	Huddersfield Town	0	4	7,971	Brown	Gore	Hinnigan	Urquhart	Davids	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright†	Brownbill	Moore	Houghton	Methven
Oct 13	Dundee Rovers	1	3	4,169	Brown†	MacIvor†	Hinnigan	Gore	Methven	Fretwell	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Moore	Purdie	Urquhart
Oct 20	LINCOLN CITY	2	1	5,454	Brown	Fretwell	Hinnigan	Gore	Methven	Davids	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton†	Moore	Urquhart	A Gunn
Oct 24	ROCHDALE	1	1	5,036	Brown	Fretwell	Hinnigan	Gore	Methven	Davids	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	A Gunn†	Urquhart	Buckley
Oct 27	Newport County	2	3	4,910	Brown	Fretwell	Hinnigan	Gore	Methven†	Davids	Corrigan	Wright	Buckley	A Gunn†	Urquhart	Smart
Nov 3	DARLINGTON	4†	1	5,001	Brown	Fretwell	Hinnigan†	Gore	Methven	Davids	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	A Gunn†	Urquhart	Buckley
Nov 6	Scunthorpe	2	0	2,936	Brown	Fretwell	Hinnigan	Gore	Methven	Davids	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton†	A Gunn†	Urquhart	Brownbill
Nov 17	SOUTHORPE	4	1	4,618	Brown†	Fretwell	Hinnigan†	Gore†	Methven	Davids	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	A Gunn†	Urquhart†	Moore
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Dec 1	NORTHAMPTON	0	0	6,158	Brown	Fretwell	Hinnigan	Gore	Methven	Davids	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	A Gunn†	Urquhart	Moore
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Jan 5	Northwich V FAC2R	2	2	5,749	Brown	Fretwell	Hinnigan†	Gore†	Methven	Davids	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Quinn	Urquhart	Brownbill
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Jan 12	Portsmouth	1	1	15,625	Brown†	Fretwell	Hinnigan	Gore	Methven	Davids	Corrigan	Wright	Brownbill	Quinn	Urquhart	Houghton†
Jan 14	Chelsea FAC3	1	0	22,300	Brown	Fretwell	Hinnigan	Gore	Methven	Davids	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Brownbill	Urquhart	Quinn
Jan 26	Everton FAC4	0-3	51,863	Brown	Fretwell	Hinnigan	Gore	Methven	Davids	Corrigan†	Wright	Houghton	Brownbill	Urquhart	Quinn	Quinn
Feb 2	York City	2	1	2,400	Brown	Fretwell	Hinnigan	Gore	Methven	Davids	Corrigan	Wright†	Houghton†	Brownbill	Urquhart	Quinn
Feb 6	BOURNEMOUTH	2	1	5,904	Brown	Fretwell	Hinnigan	Gore	Methven	Davids	Corrigan	Wright†	Houghton	Brownbill	Urquhart	Quinn
Feb 9	HEREFORD UNITED	1	1	6,481	Brown	Fretwell	Hinnigan	Gore	Methven	Davids	Corrigan†	Wright	Houghton	Brownbill	Urquhart	Quinn
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Feb 29	Lincoln City	0	4	3,644	Brown†	MacIvor	Smart	Gore	Davids	Fretwell	Quinn	Wright	Houghton	Moore	Urquhart	Brownbill
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Mar 22	TRANMERE	0	0	5,828	Brown	Fretwell	Whittle	Gore	Methven	Davids	Corrigan	Wright	Houghton	Shearer	Urquhart	Moore
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Fourth Division Focus

by Chris Gill



AS THE Fourth Division promotion race becomes white-hot managers will anxiously be working out a "going up" target.

Last season Reading raced to the title with 65 points with Grimsby Town, Wimbledon and Barnsley claiming their places with 61 points. Once again, this season, Walsall apart, it looks like the sides who can muster a points total into the sixties will be the ones to triumph. With several of the promotion candidates having to play each other, it is going to be a fiercely-fought battle to the end.

Realistically, the current top eight, prior to yesterday's games, are all in with a chance, and it could be that teams such as Bradford City and Portsmouth, who have done most of the front running, could falter as they endure a bad spell at the wrong time.

Portsmouth are up near the top by virtue of an excellent start to the season. Since the turn of the year they have flopped. Bradford City, too, lack consistency, having turned in good spells and bad alike. On the other hand, Newport County, Peterborough United and Wigan Athletic are all currently flourishing and just waiting to pounce.

As always, the Easter programme will be telling and by Tuesday night it could well be heartbreak for some and the heartiest of congratulations due to others!

Meanwhile, with the transfer deadline effectively killing all deals, the Americans continue to search these shores for talent. The latest to move is Mike Czuczman, the Stockport County defender, who has signed for San Joe Earthquakes for a fee reputed to be £15,000.

York City recently unseated chirpy Charlie Wright from the manager's chair and replace him,

temporarily at least, with the former Nottingham Forest player, Barry Lyons. It seems Lyons is having the desired effect for York City are slowly clawing their way up from the re-election zone.

Hartlepool United have been having injury problems and were forced to field a different centre half in each of four matches played recently.

Top Yorkshire side Huddersfield Town, who have given former Everton and Watford goalkeeper Andy Rankin a new lease of life, had another player clock up a milestone last Saturday, when Peter Hart made his 200th appearance for the club.

FOOTBALL LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR TABLE
As at Monday, 31st March, 1980

	Home goals							Away goals						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Walsall	39	10	8	1	35	17	11	7	2	30	19	57		
Huddersfield Town	38	12	4	2	47	13	8	7	5	32	27	51		
Portsmouth	39	14	3	3	57	22	5	7	7	20	22	48		
Newport County	37	13	5	2	42	22	8	1	8	28	20	48		
Bradford City	38	11	5	3	36	13	8	5	6	30	34	48		
Peterborough United	39	12	2	5	35	20	7	7	6	18	18	47		
Lincoln City	39	12	7	1	37	11	3	6	10	16	28	43		
Wigan Athletic	37	10	4	5	34	24	7	5	6	27	30	43		
Northampton Town	39	14	3	2	32	12	1	7	12	16	44	40		
Aldershot	38	10	5	4	33	17	5	4	10	20	25	39		
Torquay United	36	11	5	2	39	18	2	7	9	17	33	38		
Hartlepool United	37	10	5	4	34	24	4	3	11	20	27	36		
Tranmere Rovers	39	8	4	8	28	22	4	8	7	17	25	36		
Halifax Town	37	11	6	1	21	9	2	4	13	15	36	36		
Bournemouth	39	6	9	5	26	22	3	8	8	18	24	35		
Doncaster Rovers	37	9	4	6	32	25	3	6	9	21	29	34		
York City	39	8	5	7	31	30	4	4	11	26	41	33		
Stockport County	38	7	7	5	24	25	4	3	12	14	38	32		
Hereford United	38	8	5	6	20	15	2	6	11	14	29	31		
Port Vale	39	7	5	7	27	18	3	6	11	20	42	31		
Scunthorpe United	37	8	8	3	31	22	2	3	13	15	46	31		
Darlington	39	6	10	3	28	20	1	6	13	14	42	30		
Crewe Alexandra	38	7	5	7	19	25	0	5	14	7	37	24		
Rochdale	36	4	6	6	16	22	1	5	14	13	48	21		

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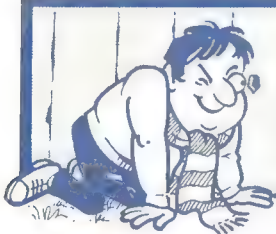
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by I. Spy

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A WARM welcome to Springfield Park on this Easter Saturday to all our members and supporters of the "Posh".

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all football supporters who have bought the "one-penny" raffle tickets in the club during the past two matches. This raffle is one of the Committee's schemes to help to raise funds which are then used to assist with general improvements to amenities in the Supporters' Club. The draw was to take place last night and the winning numbers are now on the notice board. Once again many thanks to you all and to our friend George Dutton for all his assistance with ticket sales.

At the time of writing we are unable to say how our Mick Moss fared in his attempt to be nominated as Rothman's Supporter of the Year, at Anfield on Wednesday last, 2nd April, but our best wishes and support were both with him on that night.

The Supporters' Club Football Section has entered a team in the Seven-a-Side Competition sponsored by Hull City A.F.C. to be played at Huddersfield on Sunday, 20th April, 1980. Sunderland, Newcastle United, Leeds United and Middlesbrough are also among the entrants. Should you wish to come along for what could be a good day out, let us know and we will organise transport.

We have a great programme arranged for the



club this weekend, starting tonight, at 8.30 p.m., with the incomparable "Pepper".

Tomorrow, East Sunday, we have another visit by Jenny Jones and also our Easter Bonnet and Fancy Dress Parade.

To wind up the holiday weekend, we are being entertained on Easter Monday by "Silver Strings".

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A last word from the chairman . . .

ON BEHALF of the Wigan Athletic Football Club I am delighted to welcome the Chairman, directors, staff and supporters of the Peterborough United Football Club to Springfield Park today, for what promises to be one of the great fixtures of our second season in League Football. With both sides closing steadily on the league leaders, a victory for either Peterborough United or Wigan Athletic would give the successful club an added impetus for the closing weeks of the season, while, barring a near miracle, the losing side would almost certainly be committed to another year in the Fourth Division. Whatever the outcome of today's game, let us hope that we witness a fine sporting encounter and may the entertainment value of the game be a credit to both sets of players and the clubs they represent.



With regard to our own recent performances, I must state that, by gaining two such excellent victories as those achieved at home to Port Vale and away at Scunthorpe United, interest in our bread and butter league programme has been revitalised. In these hard economic times, to regularly attract a good crowd makes the task of providing a full-time professional set-up that little bit easier to achieve. After today's game, we have but three first team home games to play in our current campaign and fixtures with Halifax Town, Walsall and Doncaster Rovers should boost still further our excellent home attendance figures. Please give us your support right to the final whistle, and help us to finish our season in style.

Finally, enjoy your Easter weekend to the full, and, in particular, today's game.

Sincerely,
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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. O. Horrocks', written over a horizontal line.

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George Urquhart 11
Micky Moore 12

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Mr. K.A. Redfern
(Whitley Bay)

Commenced refereeing at University but tended to be a player until 1970. Northern League 1972 and Football League in 1973. Refereed the Northumberland Senior Cup Final in 1976 and lined a European Cup match in 1978. A former County Schoolboy and Under 18 Amateur with Newcastle United. His hobbies are cricket and athletics.

Linesmen:

Red Flag
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(Radcliffe)

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Mr. D. Tweats
(Poulton-le-Fylde)

Here next...

Saturday, 12th April, 1980 — Kick-off 3.00 p.m.

WIGAN ATHLETIC -v- HALIFAX TOWN

Football League Division Four